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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 8 September 1952

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - August 1952

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1. [] returned to duty with FDD after one year of temporary duty with []

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3. [] office of the AD/RR, conferred with the Acting Chief and other division officers with the aim of clarifying misunderstandings regarding ORR requirements and FDD capabilities. It is planned that future difficulties will be resolved through conferences of the interested personnel.

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4. A request [] additional personnel was submitted with illustrative graphs to the AD/O.

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5. [] was accepted by the Office of Training as a candidate for []

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6. To service a new project for OSO, the division ordered an Apeco "Autostat" for facsimile reproduction of Soviet newspaper items. This photographic apparatus will also be used for general copy reproducing, within personnel limits.

7. The monthly status-of-requirements report furnished ORR received appreciative comment from Requirements Control/RR.

8. Soviet area seminars, arranged by the Office of Training and conducted in "Y" Building concluded after eight weeks of two-hour daily lectures on Soviet history, politics, and economics. Forty FDD employees regularly attended these seminars.

9. Special service was rendered as follows:

Monitoring of Soviet films for Graphics Register

Translation of Spanish sound films and production of a Russian language record for Office of Training.

Urgent screening of Hungarian, Czech and Polish textile statistics for ORR in connection with a NIE resulted in a memorandum of commendation from the AD/R.

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Urgent screening of Chinese documents for ONI

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10. Contact Division provided a list of foreign-language newspapers and periodicals from which the National Committee for a Free Europe frequently quotes. Titles of interest to FDD have been selected for [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also obtained nine Albanian publications on loan. One of these, "Ten Years of the Albanian Party of Labor," was of great interest to OPC.

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13. Microfilm copies of 27 Soviet technical and scientific books were received from Army, which had obtained the documents [REDACTED]. Three North Korean newspapers, totaling 40 issues from 9 March to 29 May 1952, were received [REDACTED] 25X6 25X6

14. The Document Exploitation File handled 24 inquiries from nine offices during August. Forty-five items were involved and nine cases of duplication were prevented. Four subject surveys identified 54 pertinent reports.

15. Noteworthy reports during the month:

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- Yugoslav, Bulgarian and Albanian newspapers reveal military and paramilitary developments
- Information from Prague newspapers regarding speculation, sabotage, and train wrecks
- Chinese newspaper published actual production figures of the USSR for 1951
- Communist newspaper reports, January - May 1952, on CCP purge
- Differences of opinion between Kazakhs and Russians in Sinkiang
- Communist activities in Lebanon and Iraq

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New forging and metallurgical equipment and 500 new types and models of machines produced in USSR during 1951.

16. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions.

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Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Details on Personnel Actions

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